

Editorial Comments.

Lexington barbershops are to be closed on Sundays.

In all 4,350 applications for Confederate pensions have been filed and 2,019 allowed.

The Ohio association of Shoe Dealers met in Cincinnati Tuesday and will keep pegging away until tomorrow.

Owsley Stanley is still carrying the war into Africa and speaking to overflowing houses in the "enemy's country."

A Bible 700 years old was burned when a sacred curio collection of Mrs. G. L. Vance, at Joliet, Ill., went up in flames.

Wm. C. Osborn has been unanimously elected Chairman of the State New York Democratic Committee to succeed Geo. M. Palmer.

President Wilson rounded out his first year yesterday and even the few people who voted against him admit that he has made good.

J. J. C. Mayo's disease has been diagnosed as blood poisoning and not Bright's disease and he is now said to be on the road to recovery.

Ollie James is as usual on the right side and will vote against the woman suffrage amendment, which will come up in the Senate in a few days.

Secretary Bryan is a grandfather for the sixth time. The latest, a girl, was born to Mrs. R. L. Hargreaves, his youngest daughter, Tuesday.

Seumas McManus, an author at Walla Walla, has had a nervous break down and the wonder is that he has held up this long with such a name.

Even the wonderful patience of President Wilson may become exhausted in fooling with those Greasers, all factions of whom seem to be of about the same stripe.

Four traveling men who were playing cards in a smoker passing through Ames, Iowa, were taken from the train and put under bonds, by the local justice of the peace.

State Senator J. W. Berkshire, of Boone county, died Monday while on a visit to Lawrenceburg, Ind. He had been feeble several months, following a stroke of paralysis.

The Duffy bill making Hopkinsville a third class city, which passed the House Feb. 17, was favorably reported in the Senate March 3, where it is expected to pass in due time.

L. B. Work and Miss Emma Rouse were married at Hickman this week, the bride weighing 300 pounds. Fortunately for Mr. Work, the ladies don't use as much goods in their dresses as they used to and he may buy some new clothes occasionally if he lives up to his name real hard.

England will take no separate action in the Benton affair. Sir Edward Grey says the Mexican authorities responsible for the murder of Benton are trying to conceal the truth. If England fails to secure satisfaction through the United States, then England reserves the right to act.

A reduction of passenger rates of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad in Kentucky from 3 to 2½ cents a mile was announced March 2 by W. A. Russell, general passenger agent of the company. The new rate to go into effect possibly by April 1, certainly not later than May 1, according to announcement.

Huerta is threatening habeas corpus proceedings to get back his 5,000 followers interned at El Paso. What he would do with them if he had them is the real question involved. His idea probably is not to get them back to Mexico, but to stop the board bills Mexico will some day have to pay.

COMING DOWN
HOME STRETCH

The Legislature at Last is Now Preparing To Get Busy.

THREE SESSIONS DAILY.

Hopkinsville Classification Bill Is Favorably Reported In Senate.

Frankfort, Ky., March 4.—"Something doing every minute" is the slogan of the solons in the General Assembly for the remaining 12 more working days before sine die adjournment on March 17. Up to this time less than half a dozen measures, most of them of trivial importance, have passed both branches of the Legislature and gone to the Governor for his approval, so that what legislation is to be enacted at this session must be done in the few days remaining of the session.

The State Rating Board does not take seriously the threats of the fire insurance companies to withdraw from Kentucky when the Greene-Glenn law becomes operative, and the Rating Board officials say that everything will be adjusted satisfactorily and the fire companies will continue to do business the same as before.

BACKSET FOR PROHIBITION AND SUFFRAGE.

When the Senate last Friday passed the two bills providing for the resubmission of the two constitutional amendments ratified by the people of the State at the last election and which were subsequently held invalid by the Court of Appeals because the Secretary of State had failed to properly advertise their submission to the voters before the election, it blocked the way for the submission of the State-wide prohibition and woman's suffrage amendments to the Constitution.

The Senate passed the bill providing \$50,000 to have Kentucky represented at the Panama Exposition.

Twelve new bills were introduced Tuesday, bringing the total up to 971.

Senator Porter, who had smallpox, is back in his seat.

The Senate adjourned Tuesday on account of the death of Senator J. W. Berkshire.

A number of House Bills were reported favorably, including the Hopkinsville Classification Bill.

The House passed the amended Greene bill giving the county road funds one-third of the State automobile licenses.

The Frost county unit bill is still side-tracked in the House and an effort to call it up failed Tuesday.

Night sessions will be held, beginning Monday night.

Senate passed the Glenn bill raising the salary of the Confederate Pension Commissioner and giving him clerical help.

In the House the Tax Reform Bill was debated all day. Nearly every member presented an amendment to the substitute for the Special Commission Bill.

Tobacco Receipts.

Indications are that this will be the heaviest week of the season in the tobacco business. Last week was a record breaker with between 600,000 and 700,000 pounds and if the present ratio continues this week's sales will run up to 1,000,000 pounds. Prices are somewhat irregular, but there has been no material change. Good types are bringing top prices.

WITHOUT LEGISLATION MAKES
VOLUNTARY REDUCTION

Announcement by The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. of New Rate, Meets Public Demands, Passenger Rates in Kentucky At Two and One Half Cents a Mile.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company announces its intention to reduce, in the immediate future, (not later than May 1, 1914) the passenger fares on its lines in Kentucky to a maximum of 2½ cents per mile.

ACTION VOLUNTARY.

This action on the part of Kentucky's principal rail carrier is voluntary, and is taken in order to equalize the rates in its home State with the rates effective or to be made effective on or before the date mentioned in the States of Tennessee and Alabama.

This Company adheres to its belief that a 3 cent fare is not wholly remunerative and is not unfair to the public. Nevertheless, in deference to public opinion, particularly in other States, the management has decided to apply the lower rate in the hope that increased volume of traffic will save material losses, and pursuant to promises heretofore given the people of Kentucky it proposes to place Kentucky on the same basis as other States. Should the reduction prove disastrous, the Company will appeal to the Railroad Commission for such readjustments as will be fair under all conditions.

EXTENT OF TRAFFIC AFFECTED.

The reduction to be made will apply to all of the lines operated by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company for its own account in the State of Kentucky, with the exception of a few branches and new lines on which the passenger business is not now remunerative or is conducted at a loss. The reduction will be made effective

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DATE EFFECTIVE OF CHANGES.

The proposed reductions will be made effective as soon as the tariffs can be compiled and issued giving the notice required by law. It is now estimated that the new intrastate traffic will be made effective about April 1st or shortly thereafter (certainly not later than May 1, 1914), and the interstate tariffs will be published immediately thereafter to be effective not later than July 1, 1914. The great majority of interstate fares are joint with other railroads

PROGRAM FOR
ROAD MEETING

Two Prominent South Christian Farmers Down For Addresses.

The Good Roads meeting here next Tuesday bids fair to be the best one the recently organized Association has yet held. The following interesting program has been announced: "Equitable Maintenance of Dirt Roads and Pikes," Discussion led by C. E. Barker.

"The Grader on Pike Roads—Its Use and Abuse," Jas. A. McKenzie to open discussion.

"Systemizing County Roads," Geoffrey Morgan.

Meeting called to order at H. B. M. A. office at 1:30 p. m.

live on lines which are now producing over nine-tenths of the Company's total passenger earnings in the State of Kentucky; thus will affect nine-tenths of the Company's passenger business.

REDUCTION APPLIES TO BOTH INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE TRAFFIC.

The reduction proposed in Kentucky will not only apply on intrastate travel between points within the State, but will also apply on interstate traffic over the same lines to and from points within the State and through the state; also as similar reductions have been or are to be made on the principal lines of travel in the States of Tennessee and Alabama, the effect on interstate travel on the lines of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company will be substantially establish a maximum fare of 2½ cents per mile from the Ohio River to the Gulf of Mexico.

REDUCTION IN REVENUE.

Some idea of the reductions to be made by the Company in its passenger fares may be had when it is understood that the reduction in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama will represent an annual reduction in passenger revenues of about \$900,000. In Kentucky alone, the annual reduction in revenues will amount to about \$130,000 on interstate traffic, and about \$250,000 on intrastate traffic, or to a total amount of about \$380,000.

ILLUSTRATIVE CHANGE IN FARES.

The following list of existing fares and the proposed new fares, is illustrative of the reductions which will be made:

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and such cannot be compiled until the various State tariffs in the several States are compiled; the interstate tariffs require the co-operation of all connections, and as the fares in these are far more numerous, involving many thousands of figures which have to be calculated, there is naturally some delay. The legal notice required in connection with interstate fares is 30 days.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

By W. A. Russell, Passenger Traffic Manager.

NEED NOT
USE FORCE

On Account of The Benton Murder, Until Right Time Comes.

Washington, March 4.—Great Britain's pronouncement through Sir Edward Grey that the United States was in no way responsible for the recent execution at Juarez of Wm. S. Benton, a British subject, and that the American government would not be asked to resort to force, as a result of the incident, was the chief factor in the Mexican situation Tuesday.

Carranza has named a committee of his own to investigate the Benton killing. Meanwhile the American commission is inactive at Juarez.

OFFERED BUT
NOTHING DOING

The Telephone Company Declined To Bid On Franchise Put Up.

NO BIDDERS WERE PRESENT.

Electric Light and Power Franchise To Be Sold March Seventeenth.

The telephone franchise offered for sale by the Fiscal Court Tuesday at public outcry was not sold, as no bidders appeared. Deputy Clerk V. E. Barnes offered it for sale at 11 o'clock, but the sale attracted no attention. The Christian-Todd Telephone Co. had no representative present. The result was reported to the Fiscal Court, which was in session, and the Court directed County Attorney Smith to take such further legal steps as might be necessary. Whether another attempt to reach an agreement will be made remains to be seen. As a last resort the matter will be taken to the courts.

Electric Franchise To Be Sold.

At the request of the Kentucky Public Service Co. a franchise will be offered for sale March 17 covering the operation of electric light and power companies in the county. The company now has a line to Pembroke, a distance of ten miles.

The franchise to be offered will no doubt be acceptable to the present company doing business in the city and county.

J. W. SHELTON
LAID TO REST

Popular Young Man Succumbs To Complication of Diseases.

Joseph W. Shelton died Monday afternoon at his home on the Canton pike, of chronic nephritis. He had been ill for a few days with gastritis and the complication proved fatal. He was a son of the late Terry Shelton and was 31 years old. He was born and reared near Church Hill, but had lived in Hopkinsville for the last two years, being an employee of the American Snuff Co. He was a member of the Baptist Church and also of the Modern Woodmen of America. His wife, who was Miss Susie Calhoun, and two children survive him. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. H. E. Gabby and Rev. H. D. Smith, were held Tuesday afternoon at the residence. Interment in Riverside Cemetery.

HEMORRHAGE
OF BRAIN

Causes The Sudden Death of Patient—Another Dies of Meningitis.

Miss Mattie Greenwood died at the Western State Hospital Saturday of hemorrhage of the brain. Her death was rather sudden, as she lived only thirty minutes after the attack. She was 55 years old and had been in the institution about seventeen years. Interment in the hospital burying ground.

W. R. Downs, a patient from Muhlenburg county, died Monday of acute meningitis, aged forty-seven years. He was received here Saturday but had been ill two weeks. The body was shipped to Springfield.

I. C. OFFICIALS
PAY VISIT

Explain The Delay in The Arrival of Passenger Train No. 301.

NOW DUE AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Delay Partly Due to Change In Time Table, Not Generally Known.

Train Master T. A. Down and Traveling Freight Agent R. C. Gooch, of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, visited the city Tuesday in reference to the complaint of the H. B. M. A. that passenger train No. 301, due to arrive here at 6:45 was delayed in switching and habitually brought in late. The officials called upon Secretary Bleich and offered in explanation a schedule showing that the time card had been changed several months ago from 6:45 to 7 p. m., a fact that the public generally was not aware of, as the road does not carry its time card in the newspapers. The gentlemen, however, promised that the practice of switching before pulling into the station would not be continued and expressed the desire to meet the objections raised by the people, as far as possible, and that they would try to eliminate any further ground for complaints.

GIRL FROZEN
IN A SLEIGH

Escort Left Her To Search For Aid In A Storm.

Hazleton, Pa., March 4.—Ella Sweeny, 22 years old, was found frozen to death in a sleigh where her companion, James Bartholdi, had left her last night in the blizzard while he went for help.

The young woman had become cold and terror-stricken over the raging storm and the fact that there were four or five miles more of hard road to travel. Her companion stopped the horse within 200 yards of shelter and tramped two miles over the mountain for assistance. Almost collapsing at the end of his journey, he was not permitted to make the return trip. A searching party next day found the body of the girl.

All to Teacher's Wife.

A. S. Hall, a Colorado millionaire, died this week leaving his estate of \$10,000,000 to his daughter, wife of Prof. Wm. C. Sturgis, dean of Colorado College. He made his money in the lumber business while American consul at Rosario, Argentina.

Young Lady Deputy.

Miss Carrie Johnson, daughter of ex-Sheriff Low Johnson and a deputy in Sheriff Jewell Smith's office, will leave this morning for Frankfort to make the final settlement of Mr. Johnson's accounts as sheriff, for the year 1913. This duty was performed a few years ago by Miss Mary Johnson, a sister of the present deputy, who is now Mrs. W. A. Cornette. These young women, so far as known, are the first in Kentucky to perform a duty of this responsible character.